

SENATE RESOLUTION 46
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Bonnie Ligon on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bonnie Ligon will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 10, 1996, an occasion which will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Mary Ann Greer and Douglas Hardcastle Shepard, Bonnie Ligon was born and raised in La Guardo, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Bonnie Ligon has endeavored to live an exemplary Christian life, serving as a role model for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, on December 25, 1919, Bonnie Ligon was joined in holy matrimony with Argalus Neal Ligon, who departed this world on March 11, 1982; the couple's happy union produced one child, Gwendolyn Neal Ligon, wife of Ramon Tarver Davis; one granddaughter, Diana Lynn Davis, wife of the late Chester Carney Mason, Jr.; and two great-grandchildren, Melissa Gwen and Chester Carney Mason III; and

WHEREAS, she has been a valuable resident of Wilson County for many years; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her 10th decade, Bonnie Ligon still attends the First Baptist Church in Lebanon where for many years she was an active member of the Women's Missionary Union, the LLL Club, and other church related activities. She is also the oldest living member in years of membership; and

WHEREAS, until her retirement in 1981, Bonnie Ligon served with acumen as a licensed practical nurse on private duty cases, many involving cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career Mrs. Ligon was a loving and caring nurse who served above and beyond her responsibilities. Her bright smile and pleasant attitude brought cheer to her patients; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Ligon selflessly came to the assistance of a dying sister by raising and educating the sister's nine-month old baby girl who would later become a certified anesthetist, doctor of osteopathy and radiologist. Bonnie also provided housing, school supplies, and food and clothing to four other nieces until they completed high school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ligon's sprightly behavior and alert demeanor belie her years on this earth; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in our deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Bonnie Ligon on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to this inimitable Tennessean our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mrs. Ligon with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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